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AN
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VENDUE.

ON TUESDAY and FRIDAY, in every week, at 10 o'clock in the morning, will be exposed for sale at the Vendue Store (corner of Prince and Water streets

A VARIETY OF

WET & DRY GOODS.

Of which the particulars will be given previous to the sale.

The VENDUE MASTERS will always keep the Store open for the reception of GOODS, and selling of such articles therein between the times of public sales as may be on limitation. They likewise offer their services in transacting any kind of Commission Business.

MARSTELLER & SONS.

April 5th, 1796.

For Charter,

THE SHIP

SUFFOLK,

A good staunch vessel, burthen about 200 tons, or 350 hhds,—will soon be in complete order to receive a cargo. For terms apply to

WILLIAM WILSON, or
FLETCHER & OTWAY.

February 25. tf

Freight Wanted,

To Norfolk, New-York, or Rhode-Island.

The Schooner

MAY,

Lying at Harper's wharf, will take 400 barrels on freight. Apply to the captain on board, or

COATS RIDGWAY.

March 7. 2w

For Sale,

A QUANTITY of assorted BAR IRON by the ton or cwt. and a few hundred bushels of ANGUILLA SALT.

L. & C. POWELL.

March 9. tf

THE PARTNERSHIP of SHUCK and PRESTON is this day dissolved by mutual consent—all those to whom they are indebted will please to call for payment, and those indebted to said firm will please come forward and settle their respective accounts.

JACOB SHUCK,
THOMAS PRESTON.

The business in future will be conducted by THOMAS PRESTON, who has now on hand, and will continue to keep an assortment of PLANK, SCANTLING, and all kind of LUMBER, also, Spikes, Nails, and Sprigs of every description. He has now on hand from 5 to 600 Cedar Posts, which he will sell low.

March 8. 3wep

ADAM LYNN,

Has just received from London, via, Baltimore, an elegant assortment of

JEWELLERY,

Consisting of Gold Medallions, Lockets, Bracelets, Rings, Seals, and Keys, gilt Bracelets, silver set Knee Buckles, plain do. silver pencil and tooth pick cases, silver Thimbles, Pontipoole and steel top do. patent Shoe buckles, a variety of Necklaces.—Also, Pen-knives, Scissars, Pocket Books, and Ladies' elegant steel Watch chains.

He daily expects an addition to his former stock of Plated Ware.

All kind of Gold and Silver work made in the neatest and most fashionable manner.

An apprentice of respectable connexion will be taken to the above business on liberal terms.

March 14.

A Person well acquainted with European Goods, and capable of being immediately useful in a wholesale business, may be informed of such a situation by applying to the Printers hereof.

It is presumed none will apply but such as possess the needful qualifications.

March 14. tf

TO COVER AT MOUNT VERNON

TRAVELLER,

A Beautiful dark chesnut bay Stallion, about fifteen hands high, and so generally known in this part of the country, that I will give no further description of him He will cover at Six Dollars and two thirds of a Dollar, with half a dollar to the groom, for each mare, during the season.

Knight of Malta, Young Royal Gift, and Compound,

Are Jacks of size and form, superior to most of the kind, and well known, to get Mules of great strength and activity. The utility of mules on many accounts, are so generally known, that any further comment is thought unnecessary. These Jacks will cover Mares or Asses at thirteen dollars and one third of a dollar, with half a dollar to the groom for each, during the season, which will commence on the first day of April next, and end the first day of August thereafter.

Good pasturage, under sufficient fence, will be afforded those who request it, at half a dollar per week, for each mare or ass, and the money for covering and pasturage to be paid before the property is carried away.

Gentlemen who may be pleased to send mares or asses to the Stallion or Jacks, may depend on every attention being paid to their property while under my care—but I will not be answerable for accidents nor escapes.

JAMES ANDERSON,
MANAGER.

Mount Vernon, March 14. tf

Samuel Kirk,

TAYLOR AND HABIT MAKER,
FROM LONDON,

TAKES this opportunity of informing Ladies and Gentlemen, and the Public in general, that he carries on his business in its various branches, and in the most complete and fashionable manner in Royal, near the corner of King Street, where those who honor him with their orders, may rely on his assiduity and attention to give universal satisfaction.

Also, at the same place gentlemen's clothes scowered and prest, and stains or spots taken out of Ladies' silks.

March 14. tf

Drinker & Stansbury,

AT the sign of the Saw, Prince Street, have just received by the Columbia from Liverpool, via Baltimore, an additional assortment of

Ironmongery, Cutlery, & Brass Wares.

They have on hand as usual, Paints, Spirits of Turpentine, Tanner's and Lamp Oil, Window Glass, Soap, Candles, and Tar.

ALSO,

A few bushels of warranted Clover Seed.

March 14.

JUST RECEIVED,
And for sale by the subscriber,
A QUANTITY OF

Women and Men's fine and coarse SHOES in trunks and casks, will be sold cheap by the package only,

A few coils of Cordage,
Fresh Nutmegs, Cloves, and Raisins.

J. G. LADD.

March 7.

A few tons of Hay, kiln dried Indian Meal in barrels, and three dozen Dryed Hides for sale.——A neat

Two Story House,

with a good kitchen to let; it is situated on the upper end of Duke Street, enquire of

Wm. HARTSHORNE.

Also.——Just Received,
By Wm. HARTSHORNE & SONS,

A few hhds of Molasses,

and a few tierces of LONDON PORTER.

March 11.

THE Subscribers respectfully submit to the Public the following

PROPOSALS,

For publishing a Daily Newspaper, to be entitled

THE TIMES,
AND
Alexandria Advertiser.

I. The TIMES shall be printed in quarto, on a royal paper of a good quality, and with a handsome type.

II. The price to subscribers will be Five Dollars per annum; one dollar to be paid on the delivery of the first number, two on the expiration of six months, and the remainder at the close of the year.

TO THE PUBLIC.

Impressed with the idea that the rapid increase of population and wealth, and the flourishing situation of Alexandria will warrant the conclusion of sufficient encouragement being afforded to the establishment of a Daily Newspaper, the publishers with confidence rely on the patronage of their fellow-citizens in their hazardous and enterprizing undertaking. The extensive diffusion of useful and interesting information is an object, the salutary effects of which is is not necessary to enforce, but which it is the duty of every enlightened citizen in a republican government to promote, and the superior advantages which a Daily Paper possesses, in facilitating a speedy and general circulation of new and important intelligence are too obvious to require any comment. Should the proposed publication meet with support, every exertion shall be used by the publishers to render it an early and impartial register of every event of consequence in which the feelings or interests of the Public are concerned. The commercial and agricultural interests of the country shall be an object of particular attention; for this purpose a list of the Prices Current in Alexandria, will be given weekly, and every opportunity embraced with avidity, of informing the readers of the state of foreign markets.

JOHN V. THOMAS,
JAMES D. WESTCOTT.

☞ Such gentlemen as wish to encourage the undertaking, are requested to leave their names as speedily as possible, with J. V. Thomas, Book-seller.

Alexandria, March 1, 1797.

Great Falls of Potomac.

THE President and Board of Directors having ordered me to considerably encrease the number of their hands,—I am ready to engage from 50 to 100 servants on liberal terms for one year.

Any person disposed to send 20 hands, may send with their people an overseer, who will have from 20 to 30 dollars per month, and have the sole direction and charge of the people he brings.

The people will be allowed good rations, a blanket, and medical assistance, should any ailment take place, a doctor being engaged for the use of the workers. I will also give good allowance to a woman who will cook for each squad. Application to be made to me personally or by letter directed thus,

CHRISTOPHER MYERS.
Engineer to the Potomac Comp.
MATILDA,
Via Alexandria.

December 20. tf

Notice.

☞ THE Freeholders of Fairfax county are hereby informed, that on the third Monday in this month, a poll will be opened at the Court-house in Alexandria, for electing a Representative in Congress, for the District, composed of Prince William, Loudoun, and Fairfax.

L. SUMMERS, D. S.

March 11.

Notice.

ALL persons having claims against the Estate of JANE MORTON, of Fairfax county, deceased, are requested to bring them in properly authenticated—and those indebted to make immediate payment to

ARCH. MORTON. Adm.

March 11. tf

IN COUNCIL,
JANUARY 5, 1797.

ORDERED, That the Resolutions passed by the General Assembly at their last session, respecting certificates and bills of credit be published eight weeks successively in one of the Philadelphia, and Alexandria Newspapers, and in one of the Baltimore, Frederick-Town, and Easton papers, and the Maryland Gazette.

By order,
NINIAN PINKNEY,
Clerk of the Council of Maryland.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,
DECEMBER 27, 1796.

1st. RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be, and he is hereby authorised to pay off and discharge the principal and interest due on all certificates heretofore issued by the state of Maryland, other than those distinguished as fraudulent ones, provided the same are brought into the treasury for payment on or before the 4th day of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven.

2d. RESOLVED, That all holders of certificates heretofore issued and funded by the State of Maryland, bring the same to the treasury of the western shore for payment of principal and interest, on or before the first day of July next, and that no interest on any certificate heretofore issued, which shall accrue after the first day of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, shall be paid thereafter, nor the principal sum until after the end of the next session of assembly.

3d. RESOLVED, That such part of the five months pay, due to the officers and soldiers of the Maryland line, and due for services on board the barges, as shall not be demanded of the treasurer of the western shore on or before the first day of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, be not paid to any person or persons demanding any part of the same until after the end of the next session of assembly.

4th. RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorised to pay off and discharge the amount of principal and interest of such bills of credit of the emission under the act of June session one thousand seven hundred and eighty, as may be produced and brought into the treasury on or before the first day of July next.

5th. RESOLVED, That if any of the holders of bills of credit emitted in virtue of the act of June session, one thousand seven hundred and eighty, do not bring the same into the treasury of the western shore for payment, on or before the first day of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, that all interest from that time cease thereon, and the principal not be paid until after the end of the next session of assembly.

6th. RESOLVED, That the above resolutions be published for eight weeks successively in one of the Philadelphia and Alexandria newspapers, and in one of the Baltimore, Frederick-Town, and Easton papers, and the Maryland Gazette, that the creditors of the state may be notified that funds are prepared for the discharge of their claims.

By order,
W. HARWOOD, Cl.

PHILIP WANTON,

RESPECTFULLY informs that he has removed his Merchandize to his Store lately occupied by Janney & Irish, in Prince Street, near Ricketts and Newton's new buildings, where he is opening an extensive assortment of IRONMONGERY, CUTLERY and BRASS WARE, lately received from Europe, and selected from several importations.

Also,

A few tons of Pot metal well assorted,
A quantity of 56's and smaller weights,
Sole Leather,
Excellent Indigo and Dye Stuffs.
Clover and Timothy seed.

Flour Stored, and other Merchandize, received for sale on commission.

N. B. A valuable lot, corner of Fairfax and Wilkes street, will either be sold whole or divided in smaller lots—the terms will be made easy. If not disposed of at private sale, prior to the 15th of 3d month next (March) shall then be sold at public sale.

P. WANTON.

Alex. 24th 11 mo. tf

The Columbian Mirror
AND
ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE.

LEGISLATURE OF GEORGIA.

Among the public acts, is one for extending the time for the pretended purchasers of the Western Territory of this State, to receive the money they deposited in the Treasury, and offer further expunging from the face of the public records, certain entries relating to the Usurped Act, of the 7th of January, 1795.—This act, so far as respects the latter part thereof, took place in consequence of a joint report of a committee of both houses, in the words following—

The committee to whom was referred the joint resolution of the two branches, respecting the documents remaining, relative to the Usurped Act, of the 7th January, 1796, report—— That there remains in the Secretary's office, four mortgages given by the companies, who made the pretended purchases of the Western Territory belonging to this state, to wit:

One mortgage, given by Nicholas Long, Thomas Glascock, Ambroze Gordon, and Thomas Cumming, to George Matthews, Governor, &c. dated at Augusta, the 26th of January, 1795.

One other mortgage, signed John B. Scott, John C. Nightingale, and Wade Hampton, to Governor Matthews, dated 15th January, 1795.

A third mortgage, signed James Gunn, Matthew M'Allister, & George Walker, dated the 13th of January, 1795, given to said governor.

And one other mortgage, to the said Governor Matthews, signed Zachariah Coxe, and Mathias Maher, dated the 24th January 1795.

All which were recorded in the book E. E. from the page 133 to page 162, inclusive.

Your committee further report, that the said mortgages were left improperly on record, contrary to the express intentions of the law, annulling the said Usurped Act, which passed the 13th day of February 1796, and which declared, "That within three days after the passing the act, the different branches of the legislature should assemble together: at which meeting the officers should attend with the several records, documents, and deeds, in the Secretary's, Surveyor General's and other public offices, and which records and documents appertaining to the said act, should be then and there expunged from the books and indexes of the books of record of the state, and that the said Usurped Act, should be then and there burnt."

That it appears to your committee, that the Secretary was repeatedly asked, whether the entries in the books of his office expunged, in the presence of both branches, were all the documents appertaining to the pretended sale in his office—in answer to which the said Secretary replied, they were.

That on further examination, they learn from Horatio Marbury, chief clark in the said office at the time the Usurped act and the entries aforementioned, were expunged and burnt —that the said book E. E. containing the said mortgages was carried by him to the bar of the House of Representatives, but whether carried further, your committee are not informed.

On the whole your committee believe that the mortgages being left on record, has not proceeded from design, but from the extreme ill health of the Secretary at the time they ought to have been expunged.

But they are at the same time decidedly of opinion, that the pretended mortgages herein before mentioned, ought now to be expunged from the said book E. E. and be burned in the presence of both branches of the Legislature, in order that no evidence of so flagrant a violation on the rights of the state and her citizens, may remain in her public offices, contrary to the intention of the annulling law, as well as to evince to the world that the present Legislature approves the conduct of the preceding representation, which acted in conformity to the general voice of a much injured country, and that a committee be appointed to prepare and report a bill for that purpose.

An act for the relief of the sufferers in Savannah, was also passed, by which one third of the proceeds of the Negro tax is appropriated to their use, and the tax of 1796, on the houses and lots where the fires raged is remitted, as well as the tax for the present year discharged.

The Commissioners of this state of the late treaty at Coleraine, have met the decided approbation of the Legislature for their conduct, and a remonstrance is sent on from the Legislature to the President and Congress of the United States, relative to the infringement of the territorial rights of the state, the attempts to drag this state into a federal court, to cover speculating designs and the failure of the late treaty, representing the increased population of the state, and requiring what the state has never received from the aid of the Federal government, a cession of land: All the land within her present temporary boundary having been obtained under the colonial government of Great Britain, or her own state authority under the confederation, prior to the constitution of the United States.

FROM THE ORACLE OF DAUPHIN.

THOMAS PAINE.

I have read your angry letter to George Washington, and cannot but confess that appearances are somewhat against the general, and indeed the whole American people, in having made no attempt to rescue their old friends from the merciless clutches of the little Jacobin, Robespierre.—— But my good sir, I am sure you will excuse us, when I inform you that our apathy to you, was entirely owing to our admiration of the glorious cause in which you were acting so illustrious a part. Yes sir, to our enthusiastic admiration of gallic virtue and patriotism. I see you are surprized. But have a little patience. You must know, then, that in the excess of our zeal, we had adopted the maxim (so horrid when applied to a despot, but so charming when applied to the people) that "the French could do no wrong," and of course every measure they took was sanctified, as if coming from Heaven itself. "Vox populi Vox Dei," you know.

It is true, indeed, that during the contests of your patriots, we were always confoundedly puzzled to find who was in the right, 'till the gordian knot was cut by the guillotine; and then, sir, all our doubts vanished in an instant. Hence this tremendous instrument, which obtained so many nick names in France, was literally the chopper of our logic, our unanswerable logician, and infallible criterion of moral and political rectitude.

Thus for a long time, we were simple enough to suppose that Louis the XVIth, though a king, was a patriot. But his sad fate, at length, convinced us of our error. Brissot and his party next became our idols: but the guillotine, by taking off (in about 30 minutes, I think it was sir,) two and twenty of those philosophical noddles of the revolutionary Quixots, transferred the palm of civism to Robespierre and his associates. And long did they reign unrivalled in our affections. Yes, sir, in the very height of the "Age of Reason," at the very time, as you tell us, this sanguinary democrat was taking his victims by hundreds in a night, out of the Luxembourg, and guillotining them before the next evening. At the very moment perhaps that he was penning the sacrilegious memorandum, which devoted you to the guillotine, "for the interest of America as well as France," (as the sly rogue expresses it,) we were toasting him in our civic cups, and crying him up as the paragon of patriots and republicans. 'Tis true, we heard of your deplorable case; but we then thought you no better than Brissot and the rest of your aristocratical colleagues, and who the Devil could have supposed, that you would at last have out-patrioted the author of your imprisonment, and have emerged, to unite your voice to that of the guillotine, to tell us what a dog he was!

You make a terrible pother about your being an American citizen, your being a constitution-monger in France notwithstanding. But how in the name of wonder were we to have suspected this, Mr. Paine, after the affair of Gideon Henfield; if, however, we have committed a mistake in the business, you have to thank the new Doctrine of Expatriation for it. A doctrine which has been very current among us since the time of Genet and the aforesaid Gideon. Upon this new fangled system, one never knows where to have you. You may be a citizen of America to day, a subject of England to-morrow, and a citizen of France on the day following. For as you have wisely observed of nations, that they have only to will it to be free, and they are so; so a man now a days, has only to will it to be a citizen of any country he pleases, and he is one. And after the brilliant scenes in which you were engaged at Paris, we took it for granted, you willed to be a citizen of France, and should have as soon dreamt of your being an American citizen as of Commodore Barney's being one, with his three-coloured cockade and cavalier menaces of taking our vessels wherever he can catch them.

But though I have hitherto been in the apoligetical stile, I have a crow to pick with you Mr. Paine, before I leave you. Don't you think, then, (though you are an equality man) that you have been rather rough with a character which stands so high in the world as that of the President of the United States? If indeed you have the claims of private friendship upon him which you say you have, I have only to lament, that it is so, and that he is unfortunately in the predicament described in the proverb, which says: "He that plays with a dog will be bitten by fleas." 'Tis an homely one, I confess; but between republicans 'twill do well enough, and you are a dealer in proverbs and epigrams.

You conclude your epistle with remarking, that "the world will be puzzled to decide, whether he (general Washington) is an apostate or an impostor whether he has abandoned good principles or whether he ever had any." Suppose before you put your case, you had ascertained what true liberty and good principles are. From your known abilities, do you not think it would have much assisted the world in making their decision? But though you have not thought proper to do it, I have no doubt that all good men will think it a necessary enquiry, previous to a determination of your question.

An American Republican.

PUBLIC SALE.

This day, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, will be sold, lying at Messrs. John and Thomas Vowell's wharf,

The Brig
POLLY,
With all her spars, rigging, &c. Burthen about 700 barrels.

MARSTELLER & SONS.
March 16.

TO BE RENTED,
The House where Asa Hill now lives, at the corner of Fairfax and Queen street. Possession will be given the first of April next. For terms apply to
JOHN NEILL.
March 16.

Alexandria, March 16.

FROM
THE WEST-INDIES.

☞ *The schooner Industry, Capt. Levering, arrived here yesterday after a short passage from Barbadoes. The verbal accounts by this vessel are in corroboration of the intelligence in our two last papers, as relates to Mr. Pinckney, our ambassador to France. The British January packet arrived at Barbadoes some days before Capt. Levering left that place, and he says that in a London paper, brought by the packet, it was stated that the French Directory had promulgated, by a decree, their intention of not receiving any minister from America, until the injuries they complained of (not received) should be satisfactorily adjusted.*

We received but one Barbadoes paper by the Industry, in which it is stated that a considerable naval force had gone against Trinidad, but does not give the number of ships or the troops on board them. This paper also contains a London article respecting the sailing of the Brest Fleet, as also a proclamation of the governor of Barbadoes allowing the importation of provisions, &c. from America, both of which follow:

BREST FLEET.

LONDON, DECEMBER 24.

Dispatches were yesterday received at the Admiralty from Sir Edward Pellew, which state, that the French fleet, amounting in the whole to 40 sail, including ten or twelve sail of transports, with troops on board, sailed from Brest harbour, on the evening of Friday last. They were only perceived by an English frigate, which has followed them.

We have the satisfaction of being able to add that further dispatches were yesterday received from Admiral Colpoys, which stated, that Sir Edward Pellew had sent a vessel to the Admiral on Saturday morning, which fell in with a ship of his squadron, that conveyed the news of the sailing of the French fleet to the Admiral in the course of that day. The Admiral immediately sailed in pursuit of the enemy; and should he be so fortunate as to overtake them, which there is little reason to doubt, he will certainly be able, notwithstanding the inferiority of his force, to give a good account of them.

The French fleet consists of 17 line of battle ships, eight frigates, and two cut-down ships of war, having on board 8000 land troops.

According to the last Paris papers, its object was said to be with a view of landing these troops at Vigo, in Gallicia, one of the finest harbours in Europe, about two miles distant from the frontiers of Portugal, in order to attack that kingdom. The fleet is under the orders of M. De Gall, one of the ablest officers of the ancient Royal Navy of France, and who during the last war greatly distinguished himself in the East Indies under M. De Suffrein. The fleet is very badly manned; is incapable of fighting an equal force, or even of withstanding the common accidents of the season, if the weather should prove boisterous. This, was the reason that Rear Admiral Villaret Joyeuse and 12 Captains refused to put to sea, for which they were dismissed.

Advices were last night received at the Admiralty, from Portsmouth, which are said to contain an account of Admiral Lord Bridport having sailed from that port with the fleet under his command, in quest of the above squadron.

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR OF BARBADOS.

G. P. RICKETTS,

WHEREAS divers proclamations have iſſued during the preſent war permitting and allowing the importation of certain articles therein enumerated from the United States of America, and other the iſlands and colonies therein mentioned, in ſuch ſhips and veſſels as therein deſcribed, for twelve months or otherwiſe; and whereas it has been repreſented to me by the Council, Aſſembly, Planters, Merchants and other inhabitants, that ſuch ſcarcity has from obvious cauſes much increaſed and is now become very great and urgent, inſomuch that ſtrong apprehenſions of famine have ariſen, endangering as well the poorer order of white inhabitants as the very numerous body of ſlaves, and that there is no probability of this colony receiving ſuch large and immediate ſupplies as are abſolutely neceſſary from Great Britain, I do therefore by and with the advice and conſent of his Majeſty's Council, and by ſpecial authority repoſed in me for the benefit of his Majeſty's ſubjects under my government, hereby iſſue this my proclamation to permit and allow the following articles of Flour, Bread, Rice, Wheat or grain of any ſort, Staves, Heading, Shingles or Lumber of any ſort, Horned Cattle or live Stock of any kind, or to be imported into and ſold in this iſland for twelve months from the date hereof, or during the preſent war from the ſaid United States of America, or from any iſland or colony in theſe ſeas belonging to any European power or ſtate not actually at war with Great Britain, in all ſhips and veſſels belonging to the ſaid United States of America, or to any the aforeſaid Weſt-India iſlands or colonies; and all officers whomſoever civil or military within this government, are hereby enjoined and required to pay due obedience to this my proclamation.

By his Excellency's command.

ROBERT WIMBERLEY,
D. SECRETARY.

February 21, 1797.

NASSAU (N. P.) JANUARY 24.

The re-capturing of American veſſels by Britiſh ſhips of war and privateers, under the actual circumſtances of the times, is rather a novel caſe in maritime hiſtory.

Although the French captures of American veſſels trading to and from Britiſh ports, is the moſt manifeſt violation of the treaties exiſting between the two nations, yet they have not promulgated any declaration of war; they yet keep up intercourſe with the American republic, and affect to conſider her as their friend and ally.

Were the two powers at open hoſtility there would be little trouble in aſcertaining what ſalvage ſhould be allowed to our ſhips for re-taking American veſſels; but as they are ſituated, although it will not be diſputed, that ſomething is equitably due to the captors, ſtill the fixing the quantity of it is a buſineſs of peculiar difficulty.

We have heard of an arrangement for a temporary adjuſtment of ſuch matters.—It is this—the re-captured veſſel and cargo to be appraiſed, and on ſufficient ſecurity being given for compliance with what may be the general practice at home, in ſimilar caſes, the maſter be allowed to proceed on his voyage.

MATILDAVILLE,

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Truſtees of Matildaville will attend in the ſaid town on the 3d day of April next, if fair, if that day is not fair, they will attend on the next fair day, to ſign deeds to all the purchaſers of lots who come prepared to comply with the terms of ſale.

March 16. tA3

ALEXANDRIA,
MARCH 16.

Yeſterday GENERAL WASHINGTON accompanied by his Lady, the ſon of the Marquis de la Fayette, &c. paſſed through town on their way home.—The General's deſire to reach Mount-Vernon that evening prevented the citizens of Alexandria from offering thoſe public marks of their gratitude and eſteem, which they were now more than ever ſolicitous of manifeſting for their illuſtrious neighbour.

——— To the generous mind,
The heavieſt debt is that of Gratitude,

We are informed that Gen. Waſhington has accepted of an invitation to a public dinner, to be given in this town on Thurſday.

A Reſolve has paſſed both houſes of the Legiſlature of Maſſachuſetts, directing a Portrait of the Illuſtrious WASHINGTON to be painted to decorate the Hall of the New State-Houſe.

We read in *Porcupine's Gazette* this article—"It has been aſſerted that Thomas Jefferſon on his arrival in this city, (Phila.) was ſaluted with a diſcharge of 16 rounds from 12 pounders, and that a flag was diſplayed, from the park of artillery, bearing this motto! *Thomas Jefferſon a friend of the people*—Such a thing, Mr. Porcupine, *might* have happened; but in the inſtance above recited, it muſt have been a miſrepreſentation."

On Saturday laſt the *prize of fifty thouſand Dollars* was drawn in the Waſhington Lottery, No. 2. The poſſeſſor of 2656 is the fortunate adventurer.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE UNITED STATES GAZETTE.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Philadelphia, March 9, '97.

SIR,

I INCLOSE the Copy of a letter which I received the third inſtant, from the late Preſident of the United States. The letter itſelf will ſatisfy you of the propriety of its being publiſhed. The Original, as deſired, is depoſited in this Office.

I am, Sir,
Your Obedient Servt.
TIMOTHY PICKERING.

Philadelphia, 3d March, 1797.

DEAR SIR,

AT the concluſion of my public employments, I have thought it expedient to notice the publication of certain forged letters, which firſt appeared in the year 1777, and were obtruded upon the public as mine. They are ſaid by the Editor to have been found in a ſmall portmanteau, that I had left in the care of my mulatto ſervant, named Billy, who, it is pretended, was taken priſoner at Fort Lee in 1776.

The period when theſe letters were firſt printed will be recollected, and what were the impreſſions they were intended to produce on the public mind. It was then ſuppoſed to be of ſome conſequence to ſtrike at the integrity of the motives of the American Commander in Chief, and to paint his inclinations as at variance with his profeſſions and his duty. Another criſis in the affairs of America having occurred, the ſame weapon has been referred to, to wound my character and deceive the people.

The letters in queſtion have the dates, addreſſes and ſignatures here following:

"New-York, June 12th, 1776. To Mr. Lund Waſhington, at Mount Vernon, Fairfax county, Virginia." "G. W."

"To John Parke Cuſtis, Eſq. at the Hon. Benedict Calvert's, Eſq. Mt. Airy, Maryland." "June 18th, 1779." Geo. Waſhington."

"New-York, July 8th, 1776. To Mr. Lund Waſhington, at Mount Vernon, Fairfax county, Virginia." "G. W."

"New-York, July 16th, 1776. To Mr. Lund Waſhington, &c. "G. W."

"New-York, July 15th, 1776. To Mr. Lund Waſhington, &c. "G. W."

"New-York, July 22d, 1776. To Mr. Lund Waſhington, &c." "G. W."

"June 24th, 1776. To Mrs. Waſhington." "G. W."

At the time when theſe letters firſt appeared, it was notorious to the army immediately under my command, and particularly to the gentlemen attached to my perſon, that my mulatto man Billy had never been one moment in the power of the enemy. It is alſo a fact that no part of my baggage or any of my attendants were captured during the war. Theſe well known facts made it unneceſſary, during the war, to call the public attention to the forgery, by any expreſs declaration of mine; and a firm reliance on my fellow citizens, and the abundant proofs they gave of their confidence in me, rendered it alike unneceſſary to take any formal notice of the revival of the impoſition during my civil adminiſtration. But as I cannot know how ſoon a more ſerious event may ſucceed to that which will this day take place, I have thought it a duty that I owe to myſelf, to my country, and to truth, now to detail the circumſtances above recited, and to add my ſolemn declaration, that the letters herein deſcribed are a baſe forgery, and that I never ſaw or heard of them, until they appeared in print.

The preſent letter I commit to your care, and deſire it may be depoſited in the Office of the Department of State, as a teſtimony of the truth to the preſent generation and to poſterity.

Accept, I pray you, the ſincere eſteem and affectionate regard of,

Dear Sir,
Your obedient,
Go. WASHINGTON.

TIMOTHY PICKERING,
Secretary of State.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

PORT OF ALEXANDRIA.

ARRIVED.

Schooner Induſtry, Levering, Barbados

CLEARED.

Schooner Maria, King, Weſt-Indies

WONDERFUL PERFORMANCE OF A LEARNED DOG.

MR. SALENKA,

RESPECTFULLY informs the Ladies and Gentlemen of Alexandria, and its vicinity, that on Monday Evening, the 20th inſt. he will have the honor of commencing a variety of Novel Entertainments, at Mr. Fulmer's Long Room, formerly occupied as a Theatre—The particulars of which will be expreſſed in the bills of each day. The performances of this ſagacious animal, together with thoſe exhibited by Mr. Salenka, are too numerous for inſertion in a newſpaper; it may be ſufficient to ſay, that the applauſe beſtowed on them in Philadelphia, Boſton, and New-York, proves their eccentricity, and may not render them unacceptable to the Ladies and Gentlemen of this town.

☞ Tickets may be had at the Eagle tavern, and at the place of repreſentation during the day.

*** Box Tickets One dollar; Pit, one half dollar—Doors to be opened at half after ſix.

March 16.

THE public are cautioned againſt receiving an aſſignment from John Mandeville, of a bill, drawn on us by Samuel M. Brown, to order of ſaid John Mandeville, dated 18th October, 1796, at 6 months, date, and due the 21ſt April next, for Five Hundred and Fourteen Dollars and Fifty-ſix Cents, as the ſame will not be paid.

MANDEVILLE & JAMESSON.

March 16.

SEVERAL Building Lots in Town of which are in a central ſituation, will be ſold or rented upon ground rent, either for ſhort leaſes or for ever. Several two acre lots adjoining where Mr. Thomas Patten lives, will be rented on low terms and long leaſes, to thoſe who will engage to improve, or for paſture lots only, if for a term of ſeven years.

Three wharf lots, to Hamilton's wharf, and a valuable piece of ground for a Lumber Yard, and one half of the wharfage building from ſaid wharf will be rented out, or my half will be ſold.

JOHN GILL.

March 16.

Carne and Slade,

HAVE juſt imported by the Columbia from Liverpool, via Baltimore, and by the Commerce from the ſame port,

Forty Crates and Hogſheads of well aſſorted

QUEEN'S WARE,

And a very general and extenſive aſſortment of CUTLERY, &c. among which are ivory, ſtag, buck, bone, and other knives and forks, ivory, buffalo, ſtag, bone, tortoiſe ſhell, barlow, and other pen knives, pocket knives and cutlaſſes, ſhoemakers' knives, razors of all prices, ſome of a very ſuperior quality, ſciſſars a great variety, ſocket, turner's, mortice, firmer, and other chiſſels and gouges, plane irons, cooper's and carpenter's axes and adzes, drawing knives, mill, croſs cut, hand, tennon, faſh, compaſs, and other ſaws, a general aſſortment of files and raſps, Crawley ſteel, ivory, and horn combs.

They have likewiſe on hand, a very general aſſortment of IRONMONGERY, BRASS WORK, and HARDWARE. Nails, tacks, and brads, and other building materials, tin plate, iron wire, pins, anvils, vices, hoes, ſpades, ſad irons, frying pans, ſcale beams of all ſizes, and caſt iron weights, Liverpool and allum ſalt, &c.

They have likewiſe juſt received from Philadelphia, a general aſſortment of bar-iron, plough plates, nail rods, bliſtered ſteel, &c. which they offer for ſale at their ſtore in Fairfax ſtreet, adjoining Ricketts and Newton's.

N. B. They have very good warehouſes for ſtoring flour, which they will ſtore on the uſual terms.

March 16.

Valuable Property,
FOR SALE.

THE ſubſcriber wiſhes to ſell a Mill Seat, with a ſmall quantity of land for its accommodation, adjoining his mill on Difficult Run. A perſon wiſhing to employ a moderate ſtock in the Milling buſineſs, cannot, I am perſuaded, find a more eligible ſituation in this part of the Union. The ſtream is the beſt between tide water and the Shanandoah, affording water ſufficient thro' the ſummer and fall ſeaſons, for from four to ſix wheels. The county of Loudoun which raiſes large quantities of good wheat, find this conſiderably the higheſt market for almoſt every part of it, as it is below the Great Falls of Potomac, and within half a mile of the river. The proſpect it affords of a water carriage is an object worthy of particular attention, an experienced man in the boating buſineſs has given it his opinion, that flour might be taken at the preſent time from the mill to George Town or Alexandria for nine pence per barrel. As I am deſirous that this ſeat ſhould be improved in ſome ſhort time, I will ſell it low, and its natural advantages are ſuch as will make it uncommonly eaſy to improve. For terms apply to the ſubſcriber on the premiſes.

JAS. DOUGLASS.

Falls of Difficult,
March 16.

Wanted,

TWO good quarriers and two ditchers—perſons of that deſcription well recommended, may find employment by applying to the ſubſcriber, living near Centreville, in Loudoun county.

RICHARD BLAND LEE.

February 23 1w‡

To be Let,

A STORE and Dwelling Houſe in King-ſtreet, next door to William M'Knight's tavern. The houſe is in good repair, and very convenient for a ſmal family with a good kitchen and cellar under the whole. For further particulars enquire of the ſubſcriber, next door to the premiſes.

CHARLES M'KNIGHT.

January 28.

Andrew & Wm. Ramsay

Have imported in the brig Dolly, viz. New-York from Oporto, ten pipes, ten hhds. and twenty quarter casks of

PORT WINE,

of a very superior quality which they now offer for sale at their warehouse, King-street.

They have also on hand,

Madeira Wine in pipes, hhds. and quarter casks. Lisbon do. in pipes. Teneriffe do. in hhds. Sherry do. in quarter casks. Port do. in bottles and a quantity of well assorted bar iron.

Dec. 6. tf

Great Bargains.

At private sale upon advantageous terms, upon a short credit of 6, 12, and 18 months, the following property, viz.

A two story Brick House

and Lot, now occupied by Mr. Charles Lowndes—this lot is beautifully situated and the house well adapted for a private family.

Eight Lots in Beall's addition to George-Town, they lay adjoining each other, and form an elegant square, in a delightful situation. A two story brick house handsomely finished adjoining the house of Capt. Mackall upon Washington street.

A Tract of Land in Montgomery county, bounding upon Slago, containing about 400 acres at the distance of about 3 miles from George-Town and the Federal City, upon which it is supposed there is an excellent mill seat. One other tract of Land lying upon the road leading from George-Town to Montgomery Court House, at the distance of about 9 miles from the town. The advantages arising from the neighbourhood of the two last mentioned tracts to George-Town and the Federal City, cannot fail to attract the attention of those who wish to secure at moderate rates valuable property.

Titles indisputable will be given, and the prices and other particulars made known, upon application to

WARING & MILLARD.

February 27. tf

Flour Store.

THOMAS PETERKIN will Store Flour for any length of time, at six pence per barrel, in the warehouse lately occupied by James M. M'Rea and Co. adjoining Messrs. Shreve and Lawrason.

Where he has for sale,

Coarse and Fine Salt, West India & N. E. Rum, Loaf & Brown Sugar, Coffee, Pepper, Indigo, and Salt Petre, London Porter in hampers, Queen's Ware in crates, Tanner's Oil, 3d. and 4d. Nails, fine bushel sacks twill'd, 100 barrels Tar.

November 15.

ADVERTISEMENT.

THE subscribers beg leave to inform the public and all persons who wish to send flour or any kind of produce to this place, that their warehouses are in order to receive the same, and that they will pay the greatest attention to the receiving and delivery of all goods entrusted to their care, and hold themselves liable for any accident that may befall the articles which are in their warehouses, except that of fire. But they do not, nor ever did hold themselves accountable for the safe delivery of the goods in Alexandria or George-town, but they will use every endeavor to send the produce by such persons as they suppose safe, and who will take good care of what may be put into their care, and will produce the boatmen and waggoner's receipts, but will not hold themselves liable for any claims that may arise in case of accident while the articles sent are in the possession of the boatmen or waggoners.

And we wish to observe to the merchants of Alexandria and George-Town, that such of them as receive flour or any kind of produce from this place, will be liable to us for the storage, or any other necessary charge which may arise on the goods sent, as we have already experienced the difficulty of settling the storage with the owners of the flour, as numbers of persons send produce, and we never have an opportunity of seeing them.

Wm. W. WILLIAMS & CO.
JOSEPH GILPIN.

Matildaville, Feb. 21.

1000 gall. Rye Whiskey,

AND

500 gall. American Gin,

In tierces and quarter casks, for sale by

MACLEOD & YEATMAN.

February 21. tf.

Twenty Dollars Reward.

RAN AWAY from the subscribers on the 9th inst. two apprentices, by trade Taylors.——One named RICHARD STUART, about 19 years of age, 5 feet 5 inches high; short sandy hair, which he sometimes wears tied, much freckled in the face—had on and took with him, a fine dark brown cloth coat, with plain steel buttons, double breasted; one dark mixed cloth coat, black cape and buttons, sewed on lapels; one plain breasted buff cotton vest; one checked stripe muslinet do. one pair striped fustinet breeches; one pair Bath coating trousers; two pair of shoes; three white shirts, one cotton; a fine hat; and sundry other apparel. STEPHEN BRANAN, about 19 years of age, 5 feet, 8 inches high, fresh complexion, long hair, which he wears tied; is very fond of dress and company: Had on, and took with him a brown superfine cloth coat, steel buttons with a knob in the middle, and white velvet collar; one striped elastic coat, with metal buttons; one pair of buff cashmere pantaloons; one pair of gingham pantaloons, one pair black cashmere breeches; one pair elastic striped do. one striped silk vest; one red striped cashmere do, one muslin do. a white hat, green underneath; one pair half boots, almost new; two pair of shoes, the one fine, the other coarse; two or three white shirts, one ruffled at the bosom. He is uncle to Stuart, and it is supposed that they are gone towards Norfolk as the one has a sister, the other a mother in that place. Any person or persons who take up the above deserted apprentices, or secure them in any goal, so that the subscribers get them again, shall receive the above reward, and if brought home, all reasonable charges, by

JAMES CALDER, and
JAMES MELVIN.

N. B. Stephen Branan carries a sword with him, and is very flat nosed.—All masters of vessels are forbid harboring or carrying off said apprentices at their peril, as they will be prosecuted as the law directs.

George Town, (Pot.) March 14.

Twenty Dollars Reward

RAN AWAY from the subscriber on Wednesday last, the 28th December, a negro man named SAM, about 21 years of age, near six feet high, a stout active fellow, with a brazen countenance, a caulker and ship carpenter by trade. Had on when he went away, a Bath coating round jacket and trousers, the fore finger on one of his hands is much burnt.—It is expected that he has got a forged pass. The above reward will be paid on securing him in any jail, so that I get him again, and reasonable charges if brought home.

JOHN HUGHES.

January 3.

To be Rented,

For one, or a term of years;

Two Three Story Brick

Houses, corner of King and Pitt Streets—the corner house will be rented either altogether, or the dwelling house, the store and one of the back rooms, and the front cellar will be reserved, if a tenant should not want them.—Possession given the 12th of April.

The other house is adjoining that last mentioned, and has a good well finished store room in front of King Street, and has 5 good well finished rooms, besides kitchen and cellars.—Possession may be had immediately—for further particulars apply to

HEPBURN & DUNDAS.

February 23. 1m

ADVERTISEMENT.

Will be sold on the 31st day of May next, on the premises, near the Wolf Run Shoals, to the highest bidder for ready money,

166 acres of Land, be-

longing to the estate of John Lenton, dec. to satisfy the Commonwealth's execution against him for duties on Tobacco shipped from the Dumfries warehouse from the year 1783 to 1786.

LEWIS SUMMERS, D. S.

Feb. 28. tdf

Fish Barrels for sale at

the Occoquan Mills of good white oak stuff—the workmanship done in the best manner. Persons applying soon may be accommodated with any quantity. For terms apply to Amos Fisher, in Alexandria, King Street, five doors above Mr. M'Knight's Tavern, or to the subscriber, at the Occoquan Mills.

JOHN FISHER.

February 25. 2wim

To be Rented,

For a term of years,

The House and Store on

Harper's wharf, lately occupied by Robert Henderson,—the house is calculated for the accommodation of a family, and as a stand for the Wet Good and Grocery business, there is none superior in town. For terms apply to

JAMES CAVAN.

February 7. tf

To Let,

For a term of three or more years,

That valuable stand for

business, situate on King street, adjoining Mr. David Davey. The lot is 48 feet front, and 80 feet deep, on which is erected a two story brick house, 20 feet in front and 30 feet deep, a cellar under the whole—two rooms on each floor with fire places, a kitchen, bake oven, stable, and other conveniences for a family. Also, a warehouse, 18 feet front by 38 feet deep, with a small garden behind the same. For further particulars apply to

PHILIP MARSTELLER.

January 24. tf

FOR SALE.

A valuable Lot of Ground,

Situate on the north side of King street, adjoining Mr. Charles Page.—Terms, either cash or a liberal credit. Apply to

HUGH SMITH.

March 7. 2w

THE subscribers have imported in the last vessels from London, and Liverpool,

A CONSIDERABLE ASSORTMENT OF

FALL GOODS.

Which they will dispose of on liberal terms, by the piece or package, to punctual men.

Wm. B. MAGRUDER & CO.

George Town, Nov. 8 tf

To be Rented.

A Two Story Brick House

on the north side of King street, next door to Mr. James Kennedy's, and opposite Mr. David Davey's.—For terms apply to

JESSE TAYLOR.

January 26. tf

FOR SALE,

A HOUSE and Lot, on Fairfax street, in fee simple, lying north, and adjoining to Bryan Hampson's, now occupied by John Duffey.—The lot is 38 feet front, and 100 feet deep. The house is a large a story frame, with a back building of brick, with a cellar under the whole. There is also a frame stable on this lot.

One other Lot of Ground on Wolf-street, 80 feet, running back 106 feet 5 inches to a 10 feet alley on which is erected a back frame building, in which Thomas Irwin now resides. This lot is subject to a ground rent of four pounds per annum. For terms apply to

JOHN JANNEY.

A FEW PIPES OF

Teneriffe Wine,

AND

Boston Mess Beef,

To be sold by

Wm. HARTSHORNE & SONS.

Bar Iron by the ton or smaller quantity as usual.

Alex. 2d. mo. 24. tf

COGNIAC Brandy, } in pipes.
Hollands Geneva, }
Liverpool fine } Salt.
Lisbon, and }
Allum }
Spanish Hides, &c.

FOR SALE BY

Fletcher & Otway.

December 21.

JUST RECEIVED,

AND FOR SALE BY

BRYAN HAMPSON,

A quantity of

Sun Raisins in kegs and

boxes—soft shelled Almonds—green Grapes in jars—a quantity of first quality Malaga Wine in quarter casks—Sugar in hhds. and barrels—fresh Lemons in boxes, with a general assortment in the Wet Good and Grocery Line.

February 11. 12t M.

FOR SALE,

A TRACT of land containing 116 acres, lying on Cameron Run, distant about 5 miles from Alexandria. The situation is on many accounts eligible—It is remarkably healthy, a convenient distance from the great Newgate road, and commands a pleasing view of the greater part of the valley, through which the Cameron beautifully winds its course. This tract is well proportioned with respect to timber, upland and meadow ground, and has on it such improvements as might be easily adapted for immediate residence. For further particulars apply to

THEOPHILUS HARRIS.

January 3. tf

Charles Carter, and others. Plaintiffs, vs. Robert Carter, defendant. } In the High court of Chancery.

THE parties interested have notice that the commissioners appointed by the Court of Chancery, to carry into execution the decree made the day of will proceed on the second Monday in April next, at the house of William Eskridge, at the Town of Centerville, in the county of Loudoun, to make partition of the Lands mentioned in the decree, amongst the plaintiffs, and to state the account between the plaintiff and the defendant, in conformity to the order of that court.

March 11. 3w

TO LET.

A WAREHOUSE on King Street, situated between those occupied by Messrs. Kemp Hurst & Co. and Mr. Thomas Patten. Also, one on Union Street, with half the privilege of the wharf adjoining it.

JONATHAN SWIFT.

March 11.

Agreeable to the last will and testament of John Talbut dec. will be sold on the 25th day of May next, if fair, if not the next fair day;

A Tract of Land, lying

in Prince George's county, Maryland, about four miles from the Eastern branch, and 8 miles from Alexandria, being mostly uncleared, and containing 134 acres, binding on the lands of the widow Neal and Capt. Deputis. A particular description of the situation and value of the property is thought unnecessary, those who wish to purchase will no doubt view the premises before the sale. The sale will be on the land, the purchaser to have twelve months credit, on making the payment of the money secure. Attendance will be given by

ANN TALBUT, Executrix,
BENJ. TALBUT, Executor of
John Talbut, deceased.

February 18. 1M

Thirty Dollars Reward.

ELOPED from King William County, State of Virginia, a likely young mulatto fellow, known by the name of GERRARD. He is about 28 years of age, has a pleasing countenance when spoken to—he was formerly the property of Lofius Newman, dec. of the aforesaid county, and purchased by the subscriber of Mr. William Turner since he went away. He may be known by a large scar on his forehead. His cloathing are so various that they cannot be described. He understands part of the carpenter's business, is a good sawyer, and an excellent house servant, in one of those branches he may be employed. I will give the above reward to any person who will deliver him to me in Culpepper county, or to Mr. Henry M'Cue, Alexandria.

SAMUEL POOE.

Dec. 27, 1796. 3w1w

ALL those who have any demands against STEPHEN ALLEY, will please to present their accounts for payment, and those who are indebted to him will please to make immediate payment, as he intends leaving this place in a short time, the accounts of all delinquents will be left in the hands of an attorney for settlement.

March 9. dtf

James River Coal.

JUST RECEIVED,

A few hundred bushels of

the first quality James River Coal, which I will sell on a short credit.

Feb. 23. COATS RIDGWAY

WE have Stores conveniently fixed to receive Flour, and will store it on the customary terms.

MANDEVILLE & JAMESSON.

February 4.

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